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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
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7,650,630	01-19-2010	Yamada
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OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS
Notice of Allowance dated August 21, 2009, issued in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/314,520 (9 pages).
Issue Notification dated December 30, 2009, issued in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/314,520 (1 page).

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37

C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Commonly Owned Applications

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant and Applicant's attorney hereby make of record in the above-identified patent application the existence of the below described activities in the below-identified commonly owned co-pending patent applications, which may be related to the above-identified patent application. The first-listed patent application was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified patent application. The second-listed patent application is being cited in the above-identified patent application in this Information Disclosure Statement.

U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0135748 A1 – U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/314,520 (9683-147) – Office Action mailed May 26, 2006, Response filed November 27, 2006; Office Action mailed February 27, 2007, Request for Continued Examination filed August 27, 2007; Office Action mailed November 16, 2007, Examiner Interview Summary mailed January 15, 2008, Response filed March 10, 2008; Office Action mailed May 28, 2008, withdrawn September 30, 2008; Office Action mailed November 3, 2008, Response filed January 20, 2009; Advisory Action mailed February 2, 2009, Request for Continued Examination filed April 1, 2009; Notice of Allowance mailed April 30, 2009, Notice of Withdrawn Action mailed April 30, 2009; Request for Continued Examination filed July 21, 2009; Notice of Allowance mailed August 21, 2009; Miscellaneous Communication mailed to Application December 17, 2009; Issue Notification mailed December 30, 2009;

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By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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